

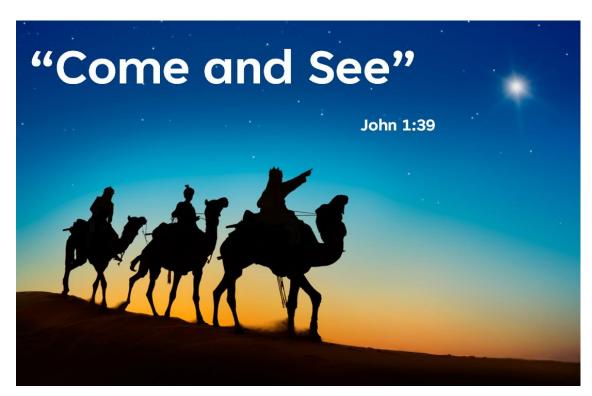


Dear all,

As we once again find ourselves in the season of Epiphany, we are greeted each Sunday by another revelation of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. In this Sunday's Gospel reading we hear Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See'. It's an invitation we may have responded to; as we journey into 2023, let us consider as a church community how might we share that invitation with the people of Whittlesey, Pondersbridge, Coates, Eastrea and Turves?

If you might still find yourself wondering who this Jesus character is, then we would love for you to join us at Alpha which starts soon. You can read more about that a little further down.

God bless, Emily



Services & Events this week

Sunday 15th January

09:30 • Morning Praise at Holy Trinity, Coates

09:30 • Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Whittlesey

11:00 • Holy Communion at St Mary's, Whittlesey

with Tea & Coffee etc from 10:30am

15:00 • Plough Service at St Mary's, Whittlesey18:00 • Evening Praise at St Thomas, Pondersbridge followed by St Thomas' PCC

Monday 16th January

Tuesday 17th January09:30 • Pathway Prayers at the Rectory

Wednesday 18th January

09:15 • Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Coates19:30 • St Andrew's PCC at the Rectory

Thursday 19th January

09:15 • Holy Communion at St Mary's, Whittlesey12:00 • Funeral of Astley Mundy at Holy Trinity, Coates

Friday 20th January

Saturday 21st January

09:00 • To Have & To Hold in St Andrew's Hall

Sunday 22nd January

09:30 • Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Coates
09:30 • Morning Praise at St Andrew's, Whittlesey
11:00 • Morning Praise at St Mary's, Whittlesey
followed by St Mary's PCC
11:00 • Holy Communion at St Thomas, Pondersbridge
16:00 • Churches Together at Queen St Church

For your **PRAYERS** this week:

This week marks the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th-25th Jan). We pray for our neighbouring church communities in Whittlesey and the surrounding area. The theme this year is 'Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice'. We pray too for all who suffer injustice and that Christ's church might stand for hope and justice in an unjust world.

For church-led school assemblies that are happening this week.

For those are unwell at this time and in need of healing.

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list for healing, please let us know. People with ongoing need of healing remain in our prayers even if their names no longer appear here.

We remember those who have recently died and pray for their family and friends at this difficult time, including:

Emma Aindow-Gregory • Astley Mundy • Adrian Owen

In the wider world we continue to remember those caught in the midst of conflict in Ukraine.



If you'd like to join us at Alpha, running from Mon 23rd January (7pm at the Rectory) then you can book on <u>here</u>. We'll be sharing together in some food and conversation before exploring a different question together like, 'Who was Jesus? 'Why did he die?' 'How and why should I pray?' and 'How does God guide us?' All who'd like to journey with us on Alpha are welcome. We plan to run another session in the daytime later in the year for those who'd prefer that.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 22nd January - as part of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we'll be joining together for a service at Queens St Church at 4pm. We'll be looking for someone from each of our congregations to read a little part of the service - so please let Emily know if you're able to come.



Sunday 29th January instead of a traditional team service, we'll be joining together for a **Team Brunch** and act of worship (including Holy Communion) in St Andrew's Hall. It would be lovely to come together from our different congregations to celebrate the faith and



ministry we share in a more informal way. We'll be asking you to let us know if you can join us, purely so we can ensure we have enough food! Please use the signup sheet at the back of church or e-mail us to let us know. Refreshments and conversation from 10am before we begin at 10:30am.

Ash Wednesday falls on the 22nd of February this year. There will be a Holy Communion service with Ashing at Holy Trinity, Coates in the morning (9:15am) and at St Andrew's, Whittlesey in the evening (7:30pm).

Pathway Church is the operating name of the Church of England in Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates, incorporating the Parochial Church Councils of Whittlesey Saint Andrew, Whittlesey Saint Mary, Pondersbridge Saint Thomas and Coates Holy Trinity. Our church also incorporates the areas of Eastrea, Turves and Kings Dyke.

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